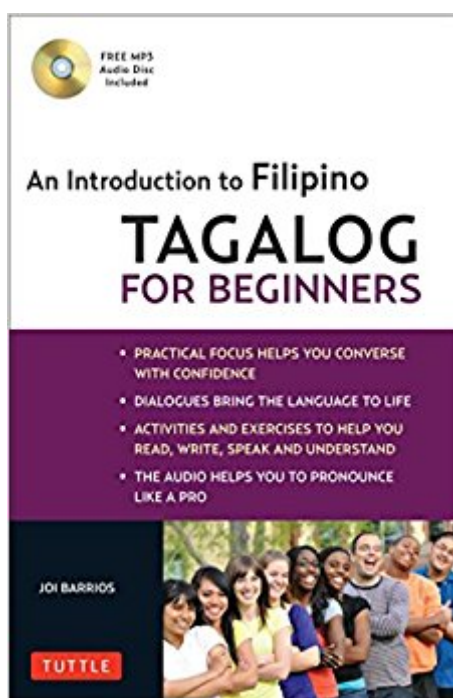


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# Tagalog For Beginners: An Introduction To Filipino, The National Language Of The Philippines (MP3 Audio CD Included)



## Synopsis

This is a straightforward and user-friendly guide to the Tagalog language. *Tagalog for Beginners* is the book to help you learn Tagalog (Filipino) on your own, easily and accurately—whether you're traveling to the Philippines for a vacation or a business trip, or you have ties to the large Tagalog-speaking community in the U.S., or you're simply a language lover. From the fascinating history of Philippines' language to how you speak it, join skilled teacher Barrios on a guided introduction—with a practical focus. After journeying through the carefully-paced explanations, conversations, cultural info, and activities in *Tagalog for Beginners*, learners will be able to use Tagalog (Filipino) in a wide range of common situations. From shopping for food to asking directions, from telling time to expressing how you feel, this book gives you the communication skills you need. The MP3 audio-CD helps reinforce pronunciation and improve listening comprehension. Helpful suggestions guide heritage learners (those of Filipino descent but born outside the Philippines) on how to use the book most effectively for their needs. Key features include:

- An accompanying MP3 Audio CD. Realistic dialogues to bring the language to life.
- Activities and exercises to help you read, write, speak and understand.
- Notes on the Tagalog language and history.
- A special section guides native (heritage) learners and instructors on how to use the book most effectively for their needs.

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## Customer Reviews

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I bought the Kindle version. At first, I couldn't find a link to the downloadable Mp3 content. Here's the link: <http://www.tuttlepublishing.com/tagalog-for-beginners-downloadable-cd-content> I've found a few errors in this book early on but this is the best book I've found so far to learn Tagalog. My wife is Filipino so she's helping me learn.

This is a good book for beginners. It throws you right into learning the language. It's more like a workbook, where you learn phrases and more while also doing fill in the blank. I would prefer a more step-by-step approach, meaning they start off with the alphabet, numbers, characters, etc, yet this book is the opposite approach. It immerses you right away. A DVD with mp3s is included. I haven't been able to get the DVD to work on Windows 10 yet, but I will try more options to make it work. Check this out if you're new to the language.

Ignoring the fact that they forgot to include Appendix 3 and 4 totally (though listing it in the TOC), I find the style not to my liking. Though it suggests that after finishing a chapter that you now know how to use possessive pronouns, in truth you can (at most) say one or two cardboard phrases with little understanding about 'why' you are saying it that way (or understanding any other way of expressing the same).

One of many books I will be reading before my trip in February.

I have read the first three lessons. As I read other books before, I know some of the grammars so I could understand them. However, for real beginners, it needs to have more details to assist them to learn easier. And have a typing error.

I am curious about why there's no pronunciation marks or guide. Also, why is there no index from English to Tagalog. I can't learn translations from this book. It starts right out with conversation!?

CD rom does not play in the car! We have a long commute to work and wanted to listen to this on the way but it's not compatible.

This is helpful..masarap sa pinas

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